

Corbit-Sharp Smokehouse
Route 299 (south side)
Odessa
St. Georges Hundred
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE DELAWARE	COUNTY NEW CASTLE	TOWN OR VICINITY ODESSA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) CORBIT-SHARP SMOKEHOUSE		HABS NO. DE-90-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 299 (south side), St. Georges Hundred		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1772-74	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Master-joiner Robert May built the main house and may have built the smokehouse.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as a smokehouse in association with one of Delaware's finest Georgian mansions. Retains many original details, such as batten door, strap hinges, and meat hanging rails.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) mortar and brick with wooden interior framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) see measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Batten door with wooden lock box, strap hinges, iron door clasp, six course common bond brick pattern.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Brick herringbone pattern floor in sand, meat hanging rails.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Cedar shingles replaced with asbestos between 1938 and 1944.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE excellent; garden shed		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Building journal of William Corbit <u>Grandeur on the Appaquinimink</u> , John Sweeney, University of Delaware Press, 1959.		
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